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BUSINESS

**Millennials: Workhorses that never take vacation**

Maureen Hanlon, right, shows a student how to save cantaloupe seeds as part of the week-long sustainability festival Grass Routes. MEG CRANE/FOR METRO

## Free sustainability festival kicks off downtown metroNEWS

# Road cleanup dollars tight

PUBLIC WORKS

## City can't afford expanded street sweeping: Expert

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

On a day when some councillors were concerned Winnipeg's road budget was already being spread too thin, the director of public works confirmed there's few stray dollars to sweep up.

Infrastructure and public works committee chairwoman Janice Lukes wanted to know if there was any way a small bit of funding for fall street sweeping could be renewed — council axed the program to save $800,000 in last year's budget, and she was looking for maybe $200,000 to do "a bit" of sweeping.

But public works director Lester Deane couldn't immediately see a way to free up that amount in his 2016 $258-million capital or $142-million operating budget.

"It's going to be very difficult for us to see less dollars put on the roadway," he said, noting that snow-clearing and ice control are already seriously underfunded and "we have spring cleanup, which as you know we really can't reduce."

He said one area councillors might look to find savings is in the budget for "enhanced roads," but Coun. Russ Wyatt already suggested Monday morning that using road budget for things other than roadwork was irksome.

"You're really limited (with) where you can pull that money from," Deane said. "I know for the most part (councillors) probably don't support taking money out of the roadways and construction and maintenance budget in lieu of putting something into beautification, but that's something that you as a council would have to decide to pass."

Depending on how spring cleanup goes, that decision might be made out of necessity. Deane said the spring cleanup shouldn't require more street-sweeper passes, "but we may be hauling more material."

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## IN BRIEF

**Judge to appear in court on drunk driving charge**

Manitoba Provincial court Judge Michel Chartier is on leave after being charged with impaired driving.

He is also facing a charge of having a blood alcohol level over .08.

Chief Judge Ken Champagne says in a statement that Chartier was charged by Carberry RCMP on Sunday. He was released after promising to appear in provincial court in Brandon on March 24.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Transcona residents plead for road repairs**

If Pandora's box contained all of the evils in the world, Pandora Avenue in Transcona was aptly named. The diversion of traffic around Plessis Road while it's under construction has damaged homes, vehicles, and the street surface itself, such that passing trucks "sound like rolling thunder," a city committee heard Monday.

Transcona residents visited the city's public works committee's budget meeting that morning to ask for budget support in repairing the road.

"As I spoke to my neighbours they all had a story about their computer shaking, or their glasses tinkling in their kitchen, their tool box rattling in their garage, and grandchildren scared to sleep at grandma's," said Irene Galbraith, a resident of the community for 35 years. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

# Road repairs driving in 'wrong direction'

INFRASTRUCTURE

## Diversion of funds to create $18M shortfall, says councillor

**Braeden Jones**
Metro | Winnipeg

An outspoken Transcona-area councillor converted a committee room in city hall into a photo gallery Monday morning, displaying glossy prints of waterfalls and deep canyons with hard edges and rocky facades.

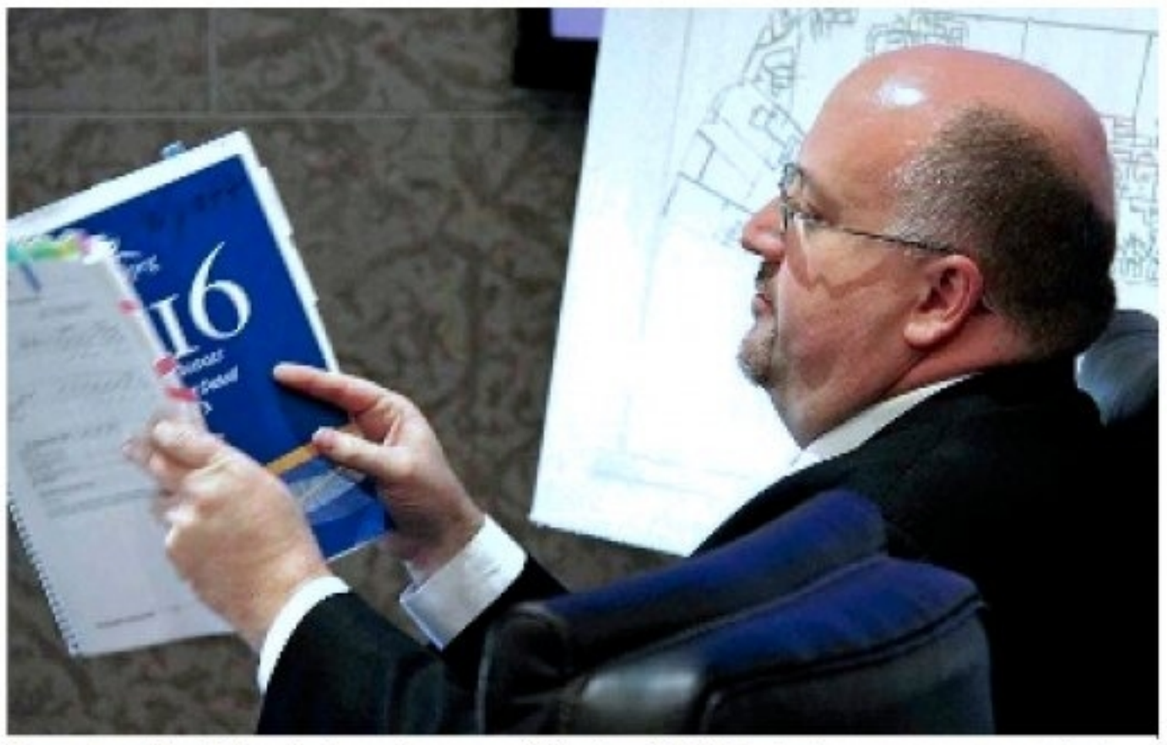
But in reality, they were all just pictures of residential street decay Russ Wyatt fears won't be repaired as money designated for regional road work is moved to other projects.

He said the budget for road repair is "heading in the wrong direction," and decreasing instead of increasing.

"After six years we were supposed to be at a total of $640 million … but we are down at $634 million now after six years," Wyatt said of projected spending.

He explained that money devoted to road repair is being diverted to active transportation projects like bike lanes, and is being used to "balance the budget."

Including road money he said is going to other projects, Wyatt alleges the actual spending will hit $622 million, representing an $18-million shortfall from the target total.



**Coun. Russ Wyatt** thumbs through pages of Winnipeg's 2016 budgets, as concerns are raised that monies supposed to be dedicated to road repairs are being rededicated to other projects, such as active transportation. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

"It may not sound big … but when you combine that with construction cost inflation, which is typically 5 or 6 per cent over the next few years … it's huge," Wyatt said.

Looking specifically at the next year, Wyatt said $4 million of the $105 million devoted to roads in the 2016 budget proposed will go to other projects.

"(On) regional streets we are spending $101 million … $2 million less than what was spent last year," Wyatt said. "The reality is: The overall money that is being spent on roads now is less."

Over the next three years, $12 million total will be moved to other projects, Wyatt said.

With less money in the road budget for road repair, he said "there is less regional (road repair) being done … because there's less money."

Coun. Janice Lukes said a policy adopted in 2009 cemented active transportation in road projects where applicable, and that the budgets are one in the same.

"People want active transportation, the debate is over, the policy has been around since 2009… it's 2016," she said.

Public works director Lester Deane said he can "understand (Wyatt's) line of reasoning, but adds there's a "bigger picture."

"We believe that both the 2009 policy we adopted and the new pedestrian cycling strategies provide direction to… install these amenities," he said.

EAST KILDONAN

## Shooting suspect arrested

**Meg Crane**
For Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeg police have arrested a suspect in connection to a triple shooting early Sunday morning, and suspect the incident to be gang related.

During a news conference Monday, police say that officers arrested Haben Nipsey Weldekidan, 22, on a litany of charges, including attempted murder, Monday around 3 a.m.

Police say an alleged shooting took place in a house on the 200 block of Hazel Dell Avenue on Sunday around 4 a.m.

"During this gathering, several people were involved in a verbal argument outside the residence, which quickly escalated," police spokesman Const. Rob Carver said Monday.

When police arrived, two of the victims had already fled the scene, and were privately transported to hospital, said Carver.

"I believe there was one victim who was at the scene, who may or may not have been cooperative," Carver said.

The public was not alerted until late Sunday that an armed man was on the loose. The three people who were shot are now in hospital in stable condition.

Weldenkidan has been charged with four counts of attempted murder with a firearm, seven counts of failing to comply recognizance and numerous firearms related offences.

"It does appear that there were gang connections to this incident," said Carver.

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Organizers of Grass Routes sustainability festival say although the sixth annual event is happening at the University of Winnipeg, it is open to everybody this Monday to Friday. MEG CRANE/FOR METRO

# Free annual festival is as green as grass

ENVIRONMENT

## All workshops, events will run at U of W until March 18

**Meg Crane**
For Metro | Winnipeg

The sixth annual Grass Routes festival launched at the University of Winnipeg (U of W) on a sunny Monday afternoon with a gardening workshop.

"Basically, the Grass Routes sustainability festival is a celebration of ideas, skills and arts in the context of environmental sustainability," said organizer Kevin Settee.

This year's festival includes events such as gardening and cycling workshops, and a discussion about the proposed Energy East pipeline. Although the festival is organized in collaboration between the university's student association and its campus sustainability office, Settee said all the events taking place between now and March 18 are open to the public, and free.

"These are conversations that everyone should be involved in," Settee said.

For example, composting and seed saving techniques were discussed at the first festival event on Monday, hosted by student service group EcoPIA.

> It's easy to forget that we live in a closed system. All of our resources — they're finite.
> Maureen Hanlon

Maureen Hanlon, who is a coordinator of the group, encouraged people to stop by her booth — set up inside one of the school's atriums — by offering a cantaloupe snack, encouraging them to dispose of the rind in a compost bin while she showed them the seed library they can borrow from or donate to.

"Seed saving is part of a larger justice movement, letting people have access to affordable food systems," said Hanlon. "A lot of people can't afford seeds, let alone their own garden."

The group works to heighten peoples' awareness of where their food comes from, and to teach that food waste can have a negative, or positive, impact on the environment, Hanlon explained.

"It's easy to forget that we live in a closed system. All of our resources — they're finite," said Hanlon.

The festival runs from Mar. 15 to 18.

CYCLING

# Downtown bike path designs revealed

Residents are invited to participate in public consultation for Winnipeg's future downtown bike lane system.

According to a news release, design options for the downtown bike lane system and West Alexander pedestrian and cycling corridor projects will be revealed to the public starting this week.

The city says residents will be able to review the various design options and provide feedback directly to city staff.

The drop-in events will take place on Mar. 17 and Mar. 20 at the Portage and Main underground rotunda, Fort Garry Place Mall and The Forks, to discuss designs for the downtown bike lane system.

The city says three options have been designed to upgrade existing bike lanes on Fort Street and Gary Street, which will include better connections to the protected bikeways on Assiniboine Avenue, as well as The Forks.

On Tuesday, residents can also have their first peek at the improved cycling paths between McPhillips Street and Sherbrook Street. METRO

### PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETINGS

**Portage & Main Rotunda**
Date: Thursday, March 17
Time: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Location: Portage & Main Underground Rotunda

**Fort Garry Place Mall**
Date: Thursday, March 17
Time: 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Location: 85 Garry Street

**The Forks**
Date: Sunday, March 20
Time: 12:30-2:30 p.m.
Location: The Forks Market, 1 Forks Market Road

**Health Science Centre**
Date: Tuesday, March 15
Time: 12:00-1:30 p.m.

**William Avenue Mall**
University of Manitoba Bannatyne Campus
Date: Tuesday, March 15
Time: 2:30-4:00 p.m.

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# Learn from mistakes: Pride group

Pride Winnipeg is calling on candidates this provincial election to apologize for any offensive statements made towards the LGBTTQ* community, and plan to host an event on March 28. METRO FILE

ELECTION LEADUP

## Politicians asked to acknowledge past offences

**Meg Crane**
For Metro | Winnipeg

Pride Winnipeg is asking candidates in Manitoba's provincial election to reflect on their treatment of the LGBTTQ* community before voters head to the polls next month.

The organization behind the annual Pride Winnipeg festival says they are asking candidates to acknowledge any past comments and actions that were offensive towards the LGBTTQ* community, as well as to apologize and show a commitment to changing their behaviour in the future.

"It actually was prompted out of just a general viewpoint that there are different political parties in the past that have made disparaging comments that have afflicted our minority group," said Jeff Myall, a spokesperson for the organization.

Last week, the NDP candidate for the Fort Rouge riding, Wab Kinew, made headlines over the discovery of some of his past homophobic and sexist tweets.

Jamie Hall also stepped down as a Liberal candidate after being called out for his misogynistic tweets.

Tory leader Brian Pallister previously came under fire after accusations surfaced he was against same-sex marriage, once purportedly referring to it as a "social experiment."

Pride Winnipeg says they are organizing a meeting, tentatively set for March 28, where they will help politicians understand what type of comments are offensive, and give them a better understanding of who exactly the community is.

As of Monday, Myall was not aware of any MLA-hopefuls having responded to the campaign.

> **We're looking to essentially engage members of different parties with the LGBTTQ* community.**
> Jeff Myall of Pride Winnipeg

He said it's important that politicians recognize and understand the community, and this initiative is helping make that happen.

The organization will also find ways attending politicians can positively engage with people who identify on the LGBTTQ* spectrum, said Myall.

For example, they have suggested politicians walk in the Pride parade, volunteer for community resource groups or vote in favour of protections and equal rights for women, indigenous people and the LGBTTQ* community.

Myall said they'd like to look at the possibility of appointing an LGBTTQ* representative to the government.

# No knockouts in radio debate

PROVINCIAL ELECTION

## Leaders stuck to talking points during Monday event

Manitoba Liberal party leader Rana Bokhari has endured her chief of staff stepping down, and the resignation of a candidate over sexist tweets so far this campaign. METRO FILE

Polls show Manitoba PC leader Brian Pallister is the front runner in this spring's election. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Recent polls show Greg Selinger's NDPs are picking up traction leading up to April's provincial election. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Manitoba's three main party leaders traded barbs over taxes, the economy, health care and social media Monday as they squared off in a 90-minute debate on radio station CJOB.

There were no knockout punches as the leaders stuck close to their talking points, but there were lively exchanges, primarily over which tax plan is best for the province going into the April 19 election.

Premier Greg Selinger, whose government has raised the provincial sales tax, gas tax and other levies, was the main target.

"We've seen the largest tax hikes under this government of any Canadian province," Progressive Conservative Leader Brian Pallister said. "Even with that additional half-billion in revenue this year ... this premier is still running massive, massive deficits."

Selinger said his fiscal plan allows the government to spend money on infrastructure projects, create jobs and boost the fragile economy. He accused the Tories and Liberals of promising tax cuts that would hurt the economy, and went head-to-head with Liberal Leader Rana Bokhari over her promise to eliminate the province's payroll tax, which applies to companies with salaries totalling $1.25 million a year or more.

> **Even with that additional half-billion in revenue this year ... this premier is still running massive, massive deficits.**
> Brian Pallister

"You're giving money away to the big banks and the corporations, we're helping..." Selinger started.

"Do you're math, Greg. It's $1.25 million," Bokhari interjected

"We're helping solve..." Selinger continued.

"Do the math. Do the math. You're wrong," Bokhari continued.

The Liberals, who have just one legislature seat, have yet to indicate how they will pay for the promised tax cut. They have said the cut will be phased in once the provincial budget is balanced, but have not committed to a date by which they would balance it.

There was a moment of levity when Bokhari went after Pallister over online communications. The Tory leader said young Manitobans are leaving for other provinces and one grandmother complained to him that she could only talk to her grandchildren via Skype.

"Brian, I appreciate you talking about Skype. But in the 21st century, it's Snapchat."

The radio debate came as a new opinion poll suggested the NDP may be rebounding after more than two years of trailing far behind the Tories.

The survey, by Mainstreet Research for the Postmedia newspaper chain, suggests the Tories have the support of 43 per cent of decided or leaning voters — down seven points from a similar poll a month ago. NDP support is up six points to 27 per cent while the Liberals have remained relatively unchanged at 24 per cent.

Inside Winnipeg — home to more than half the province's legislature seats — the Tories and NDP are in a virtual tie among decided and leaning voters, the poll suggests.

The random telephone survey was conducted on Saturday and involved 1,764 respondents. The margin of error for such a sample size is plus or minus 2.33 per cent, 19 times out of 20.

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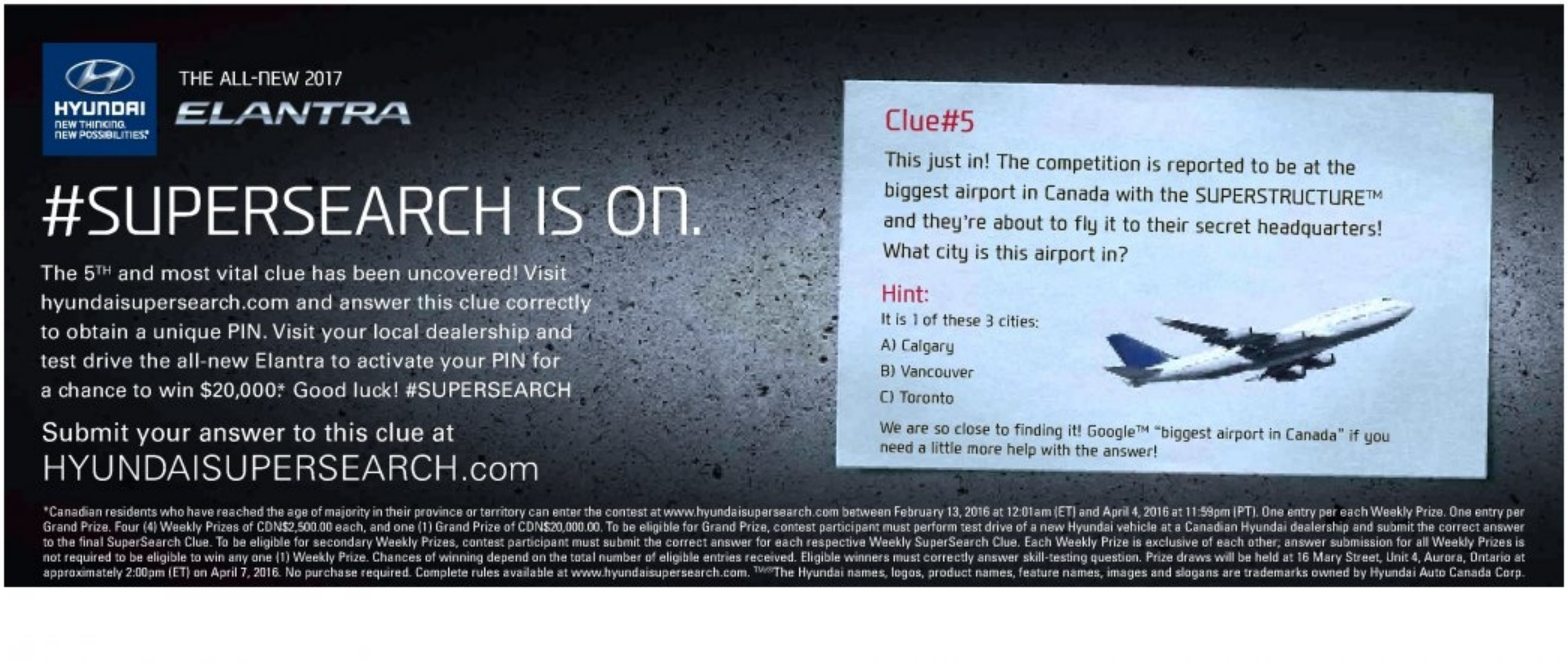

# Schools aim at 5.9% hike

FINANCIAL PLAN

## Homeowners faced with $74 tax increase

Winnipeg School Division trustees get one final look at its 2016 financial plan, including a slightly higher-than-expected tax hike, on the eve before its budget is due to the city.

The committee that deals with personnel and finance issues will revisit last week's budget deliberations Monday evening, after it was learned the division had a $158.6-million reduction in property taxes on its hands.

A draft budget, released to the public at the end of February, showed trustees were considering a 5.1 per cent tax hike.

But last week's information meant that a 6.4 per cent tax increase was more likely on the horizon. That would equal $80 for homeowners within the division's boundaries, according to a committee report.

The report says service reductions were then put forward, including a cutback to full-time kindergarten expansion plans from four to only two classrooms.

Hiring for aboriginal elder positions would be postponed until 2017-18. Another change would see an increase in the milk subsidy to 25 cents.

In total, the report says, the proposed tax hike was cut from 6.4 per cent to roughly 5.9.

Homeowners with properties assessed at $203,900 would face paying an extra $74, instead of $80.

Finance committee chairman Chris Broughton told Metro last week the board would look to temper the property tax increase without slashing services.

"Our goal continues to be improving student success and maintaining programs and services in the final budget," Broughton said.

The division needs to offer the city its final budget by Tuesday for the taxation request to be considered.

**Westjet has announced a slate of flights to Nova Scotia.** DARRYL DYCK/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

AIR TRAVEL

# Westjet adds red-eye to Halifax

It will be easier for Winnipeggers to jet to Canada's east coast this summer.

That is, if they don't mind boarding a red-eye flight to Halifax.

On Monday, Westjet announced the launch of its seasonal service from the Winnipeg James Armstrong Richardson International Airport to the Halifax Stanfield International Airport.

The service begins on Saturday, July 2.

Flights will run four times a week, departing from Winnipeg at 12:30 a.m. and landing in Halifax at 6 a.m.

"Halifax has long been a very popular destination from Winnipeg and we are pleased to see Westjet adding a new direct flight to Canada's beautiful east coast during peak summer months," Pascal Belanger, vice president and chief commercial officers of the Winnipeg Airport Authority, said in Monday's release.

According to a release from the Halifax Stanfield International Airport, a one-way ticket from Halifax to Winnipeg will cost $264.64.

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## LOTTERY

**Woman wins $3M in 6/49**

Leslie MacMillan woke up Sunday morning to an email telling her she was a millionaire — and it wasn't a scam.

The Winnipeg woman says she subscribes to the multi-draw feature on playnow.com so that she never misses a LOTTO 6/49 draw.

"I was checking my email as I usually do on Sunday mornings," MacMillan said in a news release recently issued by the Western Canada Lottery Corporation.

"I saw I had a couple of win notifications, so I went to PlayNow.com to check the amounts."

The first was for $2, the second for $10, she recalled. But the third email told her she had won more than $3 million in the Feb. 27 draw.

"I went straight into shock," MacMillan said in the release. "I keep asking myself, 'What will I do with the money?'"

She said that a few vacations with friends are likely on the horizon.

MEG CRANE/FOR METRO

# Depths of homelessness

REPORT

## National data notes common causes, reason for hope

Stephane Boyer's nostrils flare and his breathing quickens, his lips failing to separate, when he thinks about Doreen — his partner of 22 years who died in August.

Doreen, who lived first in sub-standard housing and then on the street, was among 17 people who died on the streets of Thunder Bay, according to a new federally organized homeless census that illustrates the depth of disparity across the country.

The numbers, of course, only tell part of the story.

One woman was found dead in a laneway behind city hall that's visible from the mayor's office. A local aboriginal artist who struggled with addiction was pulled from the river.

In Vancouver's downtown eastside, arguably Canada's most notorious poverty-stricken neighbourhood, six deaths in a year was out of the ordinary, said Brad King, who now oversees operations at Thunder Bay's largest shelter.

These days, anecdotes and statistics alike say Thunder Bay is among the worst cities in Canada for homelessness.

Stephane Boyer sits on his bed in his room in a shared apartment in the basement of an abandoned church in Thunder Bay, Ont. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Like Thunder Bay, 29 other small and medium-sized cities are taking part in either the federally organized count of homeless people or a similar effort organized by the anti-poverty group 20,000 Homes.

> **It tends to be remarkably similar from city to city.**
> Federal documents

The hope is that the data will paint the most detailed picture yet of the homeless population in Canada, after years of estimates of the number of people who go homeless each night and each year — about 35,000 and 230,000, respectively.

The federal government has quietly collected a growing amount of information over the last three years on people visiting shelters.

That data has illustrated a remarkably consistent picture that suggests homeless populations have similar makeups.

"Even when you look within the homeless population at different sub-groups — say youth, males, females, families, whatever — it tends to be remarkably similar from city to city and from year to year."

The federal data shows that the homeless population is most often male, between the ages of about 25 and 64, and often aboriginal, a demographic typically over-represented in homeless populations.

The hope is that the national data can help communities craft better plans to combat homelessness and organize services, and also inform plans for a national poverty reduction strategy the federal Liberals promised.

"It's a really tough to get people to do anything when ... you can't give them the data," said Bonnie Krysowaty, with the Lakehead Social Planning Council. "That's why this point-in-time count was so important for Thunder Bay, because we haven't had this kind of data ... our city councillors really like to see the data, they like to see the numbers." THE CANADIAN PRESS

DOCUMENTS

## Feds lag on online services

The federal government is lagging behind both private sector offerings and Canadians' expectations in online services, internal documents warn.

A full 77 per cent of federal services still cannot be completed over the Internet, documents prepared for Treasury Board President Scott Brison show.

"Government is not doing a good enough job of meeting the needs and expectations of citizens for quality, accessible services," the documents, obtained by the Star, read.

"Fifteen years ago, Canada placed first worldwide in e-government services; today the UN e-government survey ranks Canada as 11th."

Services like passport applications, requesting access to government information, or obtaining proof of citizenship all require in-person treks to Service Canada locations or mailed application forms.

Brison also recently told the Ottawa Citizen that the federal public service needs an infusion of digital-savvy, innovative bureaucrats with fresh ideas.

"It's much easier to build a modern, digital government if you engage the modern, digital generation," Brison said.

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POLITICS

## Quebec NDPers call for renewal ahead of convention

A group of New Democrats from Quebec — including three defeated MPs — have written an open letter calling for renewal in the party as Thomas Mulcair prepares for a major test of his leadership.

"As New Democrats, we feel that we have lost our way," says the letter obtained by the Star, signed by 37 Quebec-based activists, grassroots members, riding association presidents, organizers and former Quebec NDP MPs Jamie Nicholls (Vaudreuil-Soulanges), Hélène LeBlanc (LaSalle-Émard-Verdun) and Élaine Michaud (Portneuf — Jacques-Cartier).

They never mention Mulcair by name, but they are calling for a new direction as Mulcair is campaigning to win a crucial vote at the NDP convention in Edmonton next month, when party faithful will decide whether he gets to stay on as leader.

"We feel that the campaign we ran in the last election fell short of the aspirations of New Democrats. We are troubled that we have forgotten the reasons why we exist and the principled values that have guided us. We did not recognize ourselves in the platform we had to defend.

The NDP is not a party like any other. We seek office to make positive changes for Canadians, not for the sake of power itself," says the letter. "We want the NDP to build on our proud tradition. To do that, we need to dedicate ourselves to a renewal of our party. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

Thomas Mulcair
ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# A trick to trip Trump

U.S. ELECTION

## How Romney could possibly end up as the GOP nominee

There is a chance — not a big chance, but a real chance — that Mitt Romney could become the Republican presidential nominee.

No, Romney is not running again, but he could win the nomination anyway. This is the magic, or perhaps the injustice, of the contested political convention.

Since the 1976 race between Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan, Republican conventions have been drama-free partisan infomercials. But this year might be a brawl.

Yes, nerds muse longingly about contested conventions every election. But candidates are now singing the same tune.

"Look, Reagan and Ford battled it out in a contested convention," Texas Sen. Ted Cruz told Fox News. "That's what conventions are for."

Trump's rivals have largely given up on the possibility of winning the normal way, and party insiders are so aghast at the prospect of a Trump takeover that they are scheming to figure out how to grab the nomination away from him through wheeling and dealing at the Republican National Convention, which takes place on July 18-21 in Cleveland.

If Trump wins Florida and Ohio on Tuesday, he is very likely to win the nomination outright. But if he loses both, or even one, there might be a path to a convention play. A narrow path, but a path.

Here's how it would work.

A total of 2,472 delegates are at stake in the primaries. A candidate needs 1,237 delegates, a majority, to win the nomination. Trump has already earned more than 460 delegates. If he wins Ohio and Florida, he'll earn 165 more. And he'll need to earn fewer than half of the remaining delegates to get to 1,237.

If he loses Ohio and Florida, he'll need to earn about two-thirds of the remaining delegates to get to 1,237. If he loses Florida, he'll need about 60 per cent.

In either case, Trump might finish the race in the lead, but with a number of delegates lower than 1,237.

If this happens, his rivals can woo delegates on the convention floor. If no candidate gets a majority in the first vote, there is a second. In that case, many of the delegates are free to vote for whomever they want.

That could be Cruz or even Romney, who said on Sunday: "I don't think anyone in our party should say, 'Oh no, even if the people of the party wanted me to be president, I would say no to it.'" TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

**TACTIC**

**A rare and risky move**

The tight 1976 Gerald Ford-Ronald Reagan race was decided on the first vote. The last multi-ballot Republican contest was in 1948, the last for the Democrats was in 1952. So last-minute manoeuvring would be rare and risky. Trump supporters might boycott the general election. Especially if the notoriously vindictive businessman asks them to. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

**The Proton-M rocket booster** blasts off at the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on Monday, carrying equipment for a Mars mission. DMITRI LOVETSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EXPLORATION

## Mars mission to hunt for life

Europe and Russia launched a joint mission Monday to explore the atmosphere of Mars and hunt for signs of life on the red planet.

The unmanned ExoMars probe — a collaboration between the European Space Agency and Roscosmos — took off from a base in Kazakhstan aboard a Russian rocket and is expected to reach Mars in October.

The probe's Trace Gas Orbiter will analyze methane and other gases in the Martian atmosphere to determine where they are coming from, said Paolo Ferri, ESA's head of mission operations.

Methane is created by biological or geological activity and breaks down within a relatively short period of time once it reaches the atmosphere.

"It cannot be older than 400 years. That means there has been either biological or geological activity in this timeframe," said Ferri. "Four hundred years is nothing. If there is methane it means there is basically a process going on now."

The prospect of finding life on Mars — even microscopic organisms — has excited scientists for some time, but so far none has been discovered.

"The fact that they've not found life doesn't mean certainly that there's no life there," said Ferri, noting that much of the planet's vast surface hasn't yet been closely examined.

That task will fall to a rover ESA plans to send to Mars in 2018. Until then, the orbiter will have time to find a good landing spot and conduct a test run using a trial lander called Schiaparelli that's on board the probe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIDDLE EAST

## Russia eases out of Syria

Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered his military to withdraw most of its forces from Syria on Monday, timing his move to the launch of Syria peace talks — an end game that allows the Russian leader to cash in on his gains and reduce his risks in the conflict.

The start of the negotiations in Geneva offers Putin an opportune moment to declare an official end to the 5-1/2-month Russian air campaign that has allowed Syrian President Bashar Assad's army to win back some key ground.

"With the tasks set before the Defence Ministry and the military largely fulfilled, I'm ordering the Defence Minister to start the pullout of the main part of our group of forces in Syria, beginning tomorrow," Putin said.

He didn't specify how many planes and troops should be withdrawn. The number of Russian soldiers in Syria has not been revealed. At the same time, Putin made it clear that Russia will maintain its air base and a naval facility in Syria and keep some troops there.

The UN special envoy for Syria, Staffan de Mistura restarted peace talks between the Syrian government and the opposition in Geneva on Monday, with de Mistura hosting a government delegation led by Syria's UN ambassador, Bashar Ja'afari. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Russian President Vladimir Putin** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EXTREMISM

## Turkey blames Kurdish rebels for suicide bomb

Turkey lashed out Monday at Kurdish targets, bombing military positions in northern Iraq and rounding up dozens of militants at home after a suicide car bombing in the heart of the capital drew the country even deeper into the complex Syrian conflict.

Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said there were "strong indications" that Sunday's attack was carried out by the rebels of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, which killed 37 and injured 125.

Davutoglu added that authorities had detained 11 people directly connected to the suicide bombing near a line of bus stops that killed 37 people.

The attack further complicated Turkey's place in the region as it battles a host of enemies across its borders including the Syrian government, Kurdish rebels in both Iraq and Syria, and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, even after being forced to absorb 2.7 million refugees from the conflict.

More than 200 people have died in five suicide bombings in Turkey since July that were blamed either on the Kurdish rebels or ISIL. Sunday's attack was the second suicide bombing in the capital: a Feb. 17 attack for which a PKK offshoot claimed responsibility killed 29 people.

Bill Park, a lecturer on Turkish foreign policy and security at King's College London, said Ankara's aggression toward the Kurds in Syria has angered Kurds inside Turkey and inspired attacks.

"Bombings in Turkey now look like a campaign and we have to assume that there will be more," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Family members mourn as they wait outside the Medical Forensic Center a day after a deadly explosion in Ankara.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**IN BRIEF**

**Ivory Coast boosts security after attack on tourists**

Grand-Bassam and all of Ivory Coast is reeling from an extremist attack Sunday, which killed 18. Security forces on Monday patrolled Grand-Bassam's beaches. Soldiers checked the trunks of cars. Authorities briefly closed a section of beach in front of La Nouvelle Paillote hotel after receiving reports that explosives had been found there. The attack was the third major strike on a tourism centre in West Africa since November. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Four tips when filing taxes

TAX RETURNS

## Accountants don't know what you don't tell them

With the April 30 deadline for filing most personal tax looming, people will soon start running to their accountants (if they haven't already).

Here's what they wish you knew about doing your taxes.

### Don't trust your accountant to know everything

He or she might seem like a magical math machine, but they're not omniscient. Junaid Usmani, a tax partner at SRJ Chartered Accountants, said it's important that you know the basics of your finances, because your accountant can't know what you don't tell them.

A common example is foreign ownership. The penalties for not disclosing foreign assets worth more than $100,000 can be steep, and even having a U.S bank account falls under the category.

The deadline for filing taxes is looming. One advice you should follow is to file on time. ISTOCK

### File on time - even if scared

If you know you won't be able to pay the amount you'll owe after filing your return, it might be tempting to delay filing. But Zoe Klein, a Toronto tax preparer, said it's better to file and avoid penalties, which will only make the problem worse. Those penalties can be significant, Klein said. Filing on time can also make payments easier, because the Canada Revenue Agency can work out a payment plan with you.

### Report that side income — it might help you

There's nothing wrong with getting a little action on the side, as long as you disclose it. Many people are afraid of reporting income they earned doing freelance work or running a small side business, thinking the taxes will be harsh.

But there's some good reasons to report that income — and not just the legal ones. Usmani said the tax bill on side income doesn't have to be that large, especially if the expenses behind doing the job were high, too. "If your little side business is operating at a loss, that can actually save you tax dollars, because that loss can be applied to reduce your other income," he said.

### Remember the littler things

Klein works with a lot of artistic clients, and says she frequently has to remind them that grants are subject to complicated rules, and must be declared in a tax return.

"Unless you're a student enrolled in a post-secondary institution, grants are taxable," she said.

People also usually don't know that their medical expenses can give them significant tax credits. Anything from health insurance deductions to prescription medication (but not vitamin supplements) can count toward medical expenses. If those expenses are higher than three per cent of your annual income, then there's the possibility for tax savings, Klein said.

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JOBS

## Millenials not taking vacations

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

A TD survey released Monday found that nearly half (46 per cent) of Canadian millennials don't take their full vacation day allotment away from work. That's higher than the general working population: 42 per cent of Gen Xers and 29 per cent of Baby Boomers.

The survey found all generations reported they didn't take their time off because they're too busy at work or don't have enough money for a vacation. Meanwhile, the vast majority of all age groups said they believe vacation time is essential to keeping them happy.

Shirley Malloy, a TD associate vice president, said she thinks this survey should send a message to employers that they should encourage their employees to use their vacation time.

Malloy advises people to use their vacation time, even if that means taking a cheap "staycation" to your hometown.

# Purveyors of pot work to rebrand cannabis

You won't find brightly coloured bongs or bubble gum-flavoured rolling papers displayed against the backdrop of exposed brick and modern, industrial-style furnishings at Tokyo Smoke.

Instead, the shop — located in a former shipping dock nestled between two warehouses in Toronto's west end — carries high-end pot paraphernalia befitting the pages of a design magazine while also serving up cups of artisanal coffee.

It's all part of Gertner's mission to create a cannabis-friendly lifestyle brand that caters to the urban intellectual — one that breaks the mould of dated weed associations involving video games and junk food.

The emergence of a luxury cannabis-oriented lifestyle brand like Tokyo Smoke is the latest development in a saga that has seen the purveyors of pot work to reshape popular perceptions of the drug.

Canadian cannabis producers have used a variety of strategies to change perceptions about the drug, including moving away from the street names typically used to identify strains.

A Bowmanville, Ont.-based grower uses a colour-coded spectrum to identify each product's strength and other characteristics. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alan Gertner, CEO of Tokyo Smoke. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**SAMANTHA EMANN: RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUNDING ISN'T SET IN STONE**

# Publicly funded Catholic schools had their place in the founding of this country, but they have outlived their relevance. If elected officials won't get rid of them for the equality or inclusion of all their constituents, they should do it for the money.

Every year, usually at a holiday event, I get into a debate with family or friends on one of three topics: politics, religion or money. It usually ends with my grandfather throwing up his hands at my liberalism, my dad lovingly lecturing me about my lack of money sense, and everyone, mostly, keeping their thoughts to themselves on religion or at least my lack thereof.

For Canadians, all three of these untouchable topics merge to create the fuel that keeps the debate burning about publicly funded Catholic schools. It's time to put out the fire. Publicly funded religious schools have to go. And the process could be easier than you might think.

The most common argument for the continuation of this particular Canadian tradition boils down to: The Constitution says so.

In fact, only three provinces still constitutionally require separate funding for Catholic schools: Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta. (B.C. funds religious schools of many denominations, but to a lesser degree than public secular schools).

Those who say we cannot, or should not, stop funding Catholic schools because of our constitutional obligation are forgetting a key thing.

The Constitution's central document — more specifically section 93 the Constitution Act of 1867, also called the British North America Act — gives provinces the right to make laws governing education. It forbids provincial laws from "prejudicially" affecting the schooling rights of religious minorities, if such groups are identified in the province's founding documents. Such documents, including the Alberta Act and the Saskatchewan Act, can be changed.

The procedure for this type of amendment is laid out in section 43 of the 1982 Constitution Act. It requires the approval of the House of Commons, the Senate, and, crucially, only the province or provinces that the change affects.

In Ontario the process would be basically the same. The provincial and federal legislatures would have to agree to the change, and a line would be added to section 93 stating that the separate-school rules don't apply to Ontario.

There's no reason to think the feds wouldn't go along with this. They green-lit Quebec's move to do the exact same thing in 1999.

In no case would fractious, multi-province constitutional negotiations, Meech-Lake-style, be required. However, Alberta requires all constitutional amendments be put to a public vote before they're voted on in the legislature. A pain, but it's not impossible.

Which is good. Because it needs to be done. Publicly funded Catholic schools are unfair to Canada's many other religious groups and cultures. Funding all religious schools equally would be a logistical nightmare, and in my view, public services should be affirmatively secular.

Why are public schools in the religious-education game at all?

And as should be apparent to anyone who has been following the news for the past year, some Catholic schools' boards, trustees, teachers and advising clergy have a record of discriminatory, socially regressive efforts to hinder advances made in the interest of student safety and learning.

In Alberta there's Calgary's Bishop Fred Henry (schools' gay-straight alliances are "anti-Catholic" and "totalitarian") and Catholic opposition to the (cancer preventing!) HPV vaccine being given in school.

With recent struggles to get an LGBTQ education policy approved in Alberta, why don't we just ask students if they think the Catholic boards have their best interests at heart?

And in Ontario there was opposition from Catholic leaders to the much-needed, recently updated sex-education curriculum.

That deficit-plagued province recently asked voters for ideas online for ways it could save money in its budget. Here's an idea: According to a 2012 report from the Federation of Urban Neighbourhoods, merging Ontario's Catholic and public school boards would save the province more than $1 billion.

The premier has always pooh-poohed the proposal, but apparently not for fear of a public-opinion backlash, which may have been a real concern in past years.

A Forum poll from last July found 51 per cent of Ontario voters want to end public funding of Catholic schools. Just 38 per cent want to continue it.

Forum Research President Dr. Lorne Bozinoff wrote: "We have tracked this issue for several years … If it were ever put to a public referendum, Catholic school funding would lose, fair and square."

All three holdout provinces should be learning by example from their neighbours. Catholic schools had their place in the formation of this country, but they have outlived their relevance. If elected officials won't do it for the inclusion or equality of all their constituents, they should do it for the money.

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**Publicly funded religious schools have to go, and the process could be easier than you might think.**

**THE MICROTREND:** Tranquility for tots

The complete relaxation of a spa setting, in today's ultra-connected age, has never held so much appeal to so many. What was once primarily a ladies'-day-out affair has branched into something much broader, becoming a popular upscale activity for men and, more recently, pets. It's luxuriously lucrative, which has left entrepreneurs looking for more markets. A new report from SpaFinder — aimed at investors — has identified an untapped (and presumably, still stressed-out) demographic: children. Forget playing in the dirt to blow off steam. Today's kids are suffering from "tech neck" from too much time on tablets. Their parents are searching for post-math-class mindfulness sessions, holistic whole-body movement" courses, and, of course, yoga.

## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

**metroview**

# It's nice to have a white wedding — even in today's world

In the stylish and soapy TV drama Scandal, the indomitable political strategist Olivia Pope (played by Kerry Washington) wears white like it's armour. She obsesses over her both real and metaphorical "white hat" — the symbol of her defence of justice and her sacrifices for noble causes.

White, in this sense, is a power colour. It is strength, writ positive, and a statement at odds with the domineering but dark power of black.

But I wonder whether Pope, a non-traditionalist in almost all matters, if she were to marry, would don white. Where white makes for a statement suit in the halls of the White House (arguably the seat of global power), it is nothing short of conventional down the aisle.

And today's so-called modern bride could not be more traditional in colour. Almost everyone still chooses cream, off-white, coconut or pearl. I will wear white(ish). And I'm struggling to figure out why.

White, I remind myself, has other notes than virginal: righteousness and freshness. Hope and purity, not of sexual virtue, but of romantic intent. Intent of the soul.

Coco Chanel supposedly ascribed to the colour "perfect harmony." At a recent viewing of the painter J.M.W. Turner's works, his use of light was most arresting — that is, his use of glowing, swelling white.

G.K. Chesterton wrote God "never paints so gorgeously, I had almost said so gaudily, as when He paints in white." That he was talking about chalk is beside the point.

The Western cliché of bridal white has incredible staying power. According to Time Magazine, Queen Victoria's scandalous choice of white silk over the then-fashionable red for her wedding gave us the tradition back in 1840.

And whatever else today's brides may want for their "big day" — they want a big day, they want it to feel like a wedding and they want to strike the vision of a bride. That means white, in lace or silk, short or long, slinky or poofy, overwrought by gaudy detail, or simplified to a sheath.

You. In white. It is an intoxicating fantasy.

Perhaps white's very dominance says something about how in flux all the rest of it is: the actual wedding, and the ensuing marriage. When the details of the day are entirely up for grabs, from an elopement to a grand party. When the marriage itself might look exactly like the proceeding relationship, or might not mean anything that it used to.

Maybe then, we (in white) feel the need to hold on to some symbol of the moment. Some nod to the ceremony. Some sign that we are, in fact, brides.

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FITNESS TREND

## Celeb trainer says more and more clients ask how to get a bigger butt

The members of the Kardashian family are known for many things, not the least of which is an abundant posterior.

It's been just over a year since Kim broke the Internet with a magazine cover popping champagne on her behind, and one week since she nearly did it again with an Instagram selfie wearing nothing but black bars.

Since then, celebrity trainer Gunnar Peterson has been seeing one training request more and more: a bigger butt.

As trainer to Kim's younger sister Khloe Kardashian, Peterson knows what he's talking about.

He spoke with Torstar News Service from Los Angeles at 5:30 a.m. local time while spinning on his stationary bike.

**A lot of people want bigger legs, a bigger butt. Some called 2015 the "year of the butt."**

Was that on the Chinese calendar? I didn't see that on the menu at the Mongolian barbecue the other day. (laughs)

**Is that something you've been seeing?**

Of course. It's an ongoing request. They have to bear in mind that to add size, that comes with adding calories above and beyond what you're burning, and getting adequate rest.

I'm sure we know some guys who spend innumerable hours at the gym and they're not gaining any size. They're probably not recovering. Their food is either not adequate or not timed out properly. It's a tough pursuit.

When you think women have on average 10 to 20 per cent the testosterone that we have — which is required to build lean tissue — that's a tough road. I would say lift heavy, eat more, sleep more. That's for men and women.

**I would say lift heavy, eat more, sleep more.**

Gunnar Peterson, personal trainer, on attaining a bigger backside

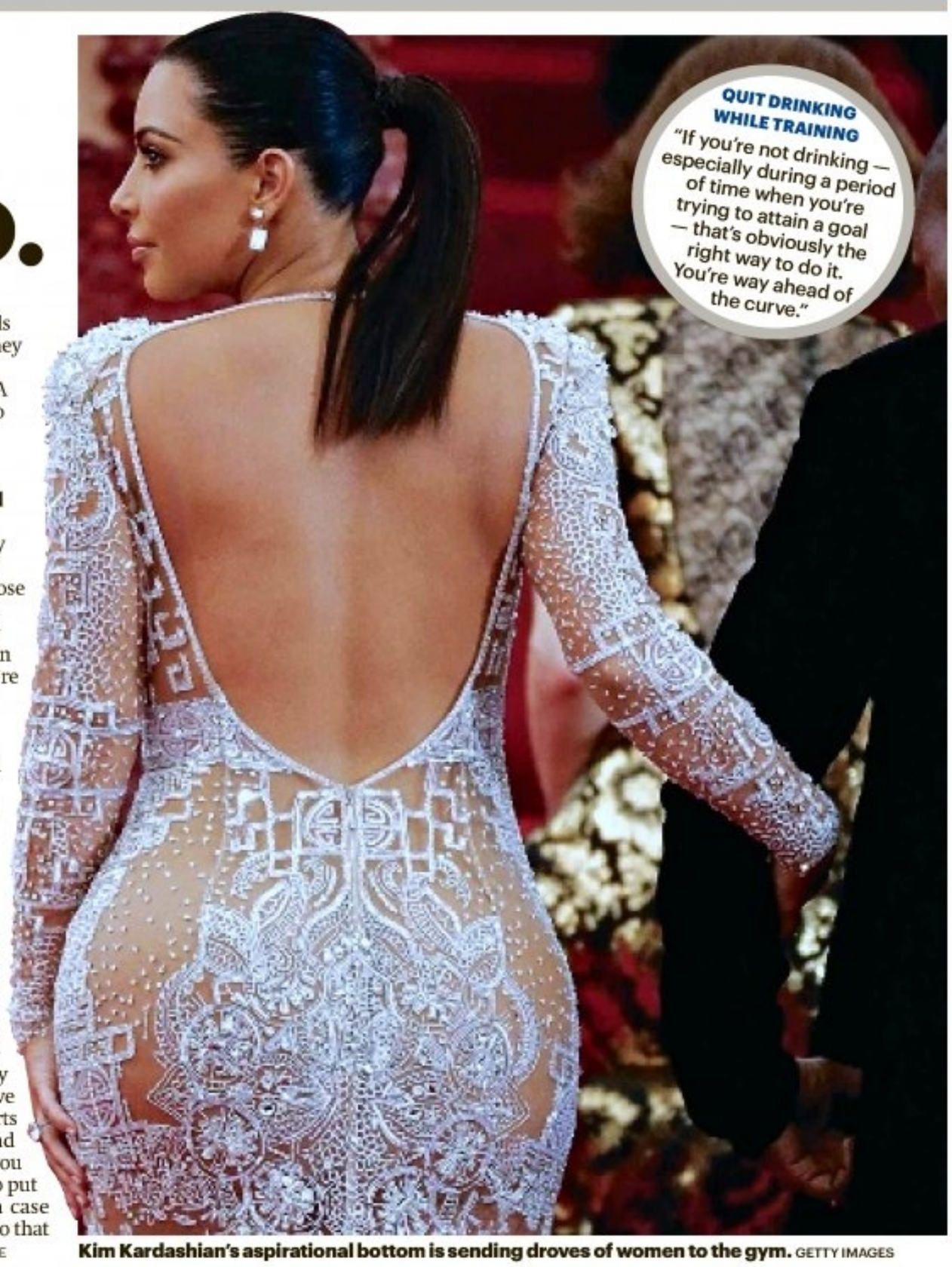
Those are tough protocols to assign to a woman. They don't want to hear "eat more" a lot of the time. A lot of them don't want to hear "lift heavy."

**What are some of the misconceptions around building a bigger butt?**

You look at people in any power sport, you see big butts. Those guys and those girls are not on all fours, pressing the sole of their foot to the ceiling with an ankle weight on it. They're just not. And if they are it's for a video or it's to get a quick pump. The real building comes with the deep squats, the heavy weights, the dead lifts, the deep lunges, the sleep and the food.

**Why is sleep so important?**

That's the only time your body recovers. If you think of the dated term "body building," it's actually body destroying. What you do in the gym is actually tearing your body down. It's when you leave the gym that the body starts the recovery process and goes "Holy s—, what did you just hit me with? I have to put myself back together in case you're stupid enough to do that again." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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FITNESS

# Woman's video inspiring millions

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After a viral CrossFit video and years on the rugby field, a Halifax woman without limbs shows you can't count out those who "don't quite look the same or walk the same."

Lindsay Hilton has always been active, including playing rugby for years with Mount Allison University and the Halifax Tars. Looking for another challenge, she landed on CrossFit this September after winning a month membership at a local gym through a burpee contest.

"It's just what you make it ... every workout can be scaled and adapted," Hilton said about the high-intensity fitness program.

A few weeks ago, Hilton asked those at CrossFit OnSide to take a video during her workout to check out her form, and knew the gym owners might share it but had no idea it would end up on the official CrossFit Facebook page, where it was posted last Wednesday. By Monday it had been seen over six million times, with over 60,000 shares and 7,000 comments.

"It's kind of crazy ... I definitely was not expecting that many people to see me do that workout," Hilton laughed.

Many of the comments mention how inspiring Hilton is, with one man sharing how his depression about an injury melted away when he saw "this amazing woman killin' it."

Hilton said there's always a way to pursue what you want and there are lots of resources

**Hilton at CrossFit OnSide in Halifax.** ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

from adaptive athletes online. Although it's a "work in progress," weightlifting hooks and Velcro straps with a chain that's attached to a bar do the trick.

Encouragement is great, but Hilton said she's often surprised by people telling her she's inspiring because she doesn't feel like she's accomplishing a great feat — and "my form's not awesome."

However, Hilton said she hopes young people with missing limbs or other disabilities see her do everyday things as well as sports, and think "'I can do that as well,' and then the message gets passed on."

Hilton's sister-in-law, Katie Hilton, said Linsday shows her there's always a way to achieve anything if you put your mind to it. Lindsay also received the International Rugby Board's Spirit of Rugby Award in 2012, and Katie said she's a wonderful ambassador to sport and the province.

"Don't count out people that maybe don't quite look the same, or walk the same, or talk the same," Katie said. "My sister-in-law is proof that there's amazing things happening around here."

# Being dumped on digital

MODERN LOVE

## Digital changing the way we hook up, and split up

Back in 2006 — just two years after Mark Zuckerberg founded Facebook — Indiana University anthropologist Ilana Gershon recalls showing a clip from comedian Dave Chappelle in a class and noticing a student crying.

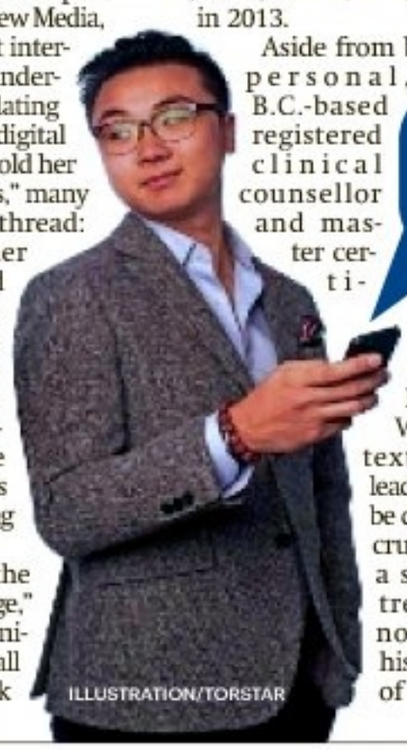
"Dave Chappelle does a lot of things," Gershon says. "But he doesn't make people cry." The student, she later learned, had just been dumped through a text message. "He wrote to her, broke up with her, then refused to communicate with her through any other medium," Gershon recalls, who grew fascinated with this new relationship reality.

In her book, The Breakup 2.0: Disconnecting Over New Media, Gershon writes about interviewing dozens of undergrad students about dating and breakups in the digital age. When students told her their "breakup stories," many shared a common thread: A focus on whether someone was dumped through a text, email, phone call, Facebook message or in-person conversation. "This gives important information about how the person hearing this should be interpreting it," Gershon says.

In other words, "the medium is the message," as Canadian communication theorist Marshall McLuhan wrote back in 1964. Fast forward 40 years, and Gershon found modern daters have a keen understanding of each medium's meaning, with a large majority of students agreeing in-person is still the best way to tell someone it's over.

But that doesn't mean people actually do it. One Pew Research Center report found most young people aren't a fan of dumping-by-text, yet 27 per cent of teen daters have broken up with someone through a text message (and 31 per cent have been on the receiving end.)

Far from uncommon, this is the new breakup landscape, and one that's often impersonal and bewildering. Even celebrities aren't immune. Take pop-star Katy Perry, whose 14-month marriage to comedian Russell Brand ended on her phone. "Let's just say I haven't heard from him since he texted me saying he was divorcing me December 31, 2011," she told Vogue back in 2013.

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Aside from being impersonal, B.C.-based registered clinical counsellor and master certified Gottman therapist Darren Wilk says texting can lead people to be downright cruel during a split — a trend he's noticed in his 15 years of working with couples. "The texts I've seen from them," he says. "Just the swearing, and the names, and assassinating each other's character." Even 10 years ago, things weren't that bad. "Now, whatever comes to people's minds, they just push send."

The Pew research found even fewer young people support breaking up through social media messages or a changed Facebook relationship status. Still, those get used too, with 6 per cent of teens reporting that they've broken up with someone through both those strategies.

One Canadian startup, dubbed The Breakup Shop, is capitalizing on society's eagerness to dump people digitally. Starting at $10, you can buy a breakup text, while $29 will get you a breakup phone call with a runtime of a minute or less. And for $80, you can buy the dumpee a "breakup gift pack," complete with Chips Ahoy! rainbow cookies, a Netflix gift card, two red wine glasses, a handcrafted sympathy letter, and either a copy of The Notebook on Blu-ray or the video game Call of Duty: Ghosts. Since launching in early November, the company says it has performed around 160 breakups, and plans to launch an app in the spring to deliver even more breakups "without the hassle."

But anyone who's been dumped knows modern breakups are a hassle, filled with both physical and digital clutter. Matt Shumate, author of self-help book From Broken Up to Bro 2.0, recommends a complete online detox from an ex to speed up the healing process. "Don't unfriend them from Facebook necessarily," he said in an email. "But certainly unfollow and make sure that they won't be popping up into your social feeds." (It's something Facebook has been paying attention to, launching new tools late last year so people see less of their old flames without blocking or deleting them.) For some, those measures don't go far enough, and healing after a breakup might mean staying off social media altogether, Shumate told me.

The post-split social media purge makes sense. The entire dating landscape has changed in the digital age. People are dating longer, providing ample opportunities to meet new partners and, inevitably, split up with most of them. In the 1960s and '70s, the average age for a first marriage was just over 25 for men and 22 for women, but by the late 2000s, the average age for both was around 30.

Now we're haunted by past flames on Facebook, dumped over text, ghosted by lovers who disappear despite having a world of communication tools at their fingertips. However you do it, a post-split detox doesn't change the messy reality: Breakups today are a minefield of impersonal communication methods and lingering digital memories, including many that are impossible to erase.

But it's worth keeping in mind that splitting up is a natural — and time-honoured — part of dating. "Some relationships are about saying goodbye," says Wilk. "And that's fine."

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# Issues, not apps the focus at South by Southwest

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## Talks of digital privacy, robots eclipsed new launches at fest

Big-picture issues and futuristic ideas — rather than the usual hot app or startup launch — have taken the spotlight at this year's South by Southwest Interactive tech jamboree in Austin, Texas.

President Barack Obama's opening keynote on Friday referenced the current fight between Apple and the FBI and set an issue-driven tone for the conference. And a daylong online harassment summit put the spotlight on the troubling topic of online harassment.

Meanwhile, panels focused on futuristic ideas such as robots for the elderly and supersonic public transportation.

Here's a look at the buzziest trends so far at the festival's tech-focused conference, which runs through Tuesday.

**Kerry Washington spoke at a South by Southwest event on how social media has impacted traditional media's representation of diversity and beauty. Hers was just one of many issues-based events.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Big issues

It's an election year, and hotly debated issues dominated discussions. Obama, the first U.S. president to headline a SXSW event, said he was strongly committed to encryption but said authorities must be able to access data held on electronic devices to fight crime and extremist violence. He didn't specifically comment on the FBI's case against Apple, however. A federal court has ordered Apple to help the FBI break into a phone used by one of the San Bernardino killers. Apple has appealed the ruling and says the government plan puts the privacy of all users at risk.

### Futuristic ideas

Rodney Brooks, creator of Roomba and CEO of Rethink Robots, argued that robots aren't as dangerous as people think they are. At one point, he reached into his pocket and pulled out a coin — then noted that no robot is currently capable of doing the same.

Still, the robotics pioneer thinks robots will be essential for elder care, helping with daily tasks, acting as companions and driving people around. In similar respects such as manufacturing, he argued, robots won't displace jobs, they'll do the work no one wants to do.

### Tech and music

As always, tech and music intermingled during the festival. When the indie-rock band Great Caesar played at a popular local bar, it was no ordinary SXSW show. Its sponsor, Doppler, was testing ear buds designed to augment live music. Via an app, ear bud wearers could adjust the bass they could hear, for example, or create an echo effect.

They could also choose pre-mixed filters that mimic the sound effects of different places, such as a small studio or Carnegie Hall.

"I like having some kind of control over what I'm listening to," said Marshall Heinz, a law student in Austin who tried out the device. "I make music, so to interact with people who are way better musicians than me is pretty cool."

### Sony's 'N' Concept

Sony had one of the buzziest product demos of the festival, previewing a prototype device called the "N" concept neckband.

It's a speaker that rests on the neck, plays music, takes pictures and responds to voice commands such as queries about the weather. Response to the device, unveiled Saturday, has been enthusiastic, said research and development deputy president Jun Maruo, who said there's no timeline for when Sony might release the neck band or what it might cost.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER
WHAT I'M WATCHING

# Your favourite shows offer lessons on race

**Black-ish has been more black and less 'ish' this season, writes Johanna Schneller.** CONTRIBUTED

**THE SHOWS: Black-ish, Season 2, Episode 1 (ABC/City); and American Crime Story: The People v. O.J. Simpson, Season 1, Episode 5 (FX)**
**THE MOMENT: The N-word**

Adorable moppet Jack (Miles Brown) rapped the N word during a school concert. His school wants to expel him.

His father Dre (Anthony Anderson) defends him to the (mostly white) board.

"You people are trying to eliminate a word from my son's vocabulary because you think it's ugly," Dre says.

"Isn't it?" asks a white administrator.

"From you, it would be," Dre replies. "The white man either wants nobody to say it because he can't, or everybody to say it because he wants to."

Black-ish has been more black and less ish this season, and is stronger for it.

In Episode 16, for example, the family reacts to police brutality against African-Americans. In this episode, people utter the N word 10 times in 22 minutes.

The same debate recently popped up on The People vs. OJ Simpson: Two black lawyers argue whether the word should be allowed in court. Christopher Darden (Stirling K. Brown) says it's hurtful to black people; Johnnie Cochran (Courtney B. Vance) says black people can and have handled much worse.

These shows, along with the just-concluded series American Crime (in which a black high-school basketball captain is implicated in the rape of a white teammate), examine issues of race and class from multiple angles.

They harken back to the 1970s, when Norman Lear's sitcoms All in the Family and Maude routinely delivered civics lessons to a broad audience.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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# LEARNING CURVE

## Feeling the pinch?

As the school year winds down, many post-secondary students are feeling the financial pinch. Last summer, a CIBC poll suggested that more than half of post-secondary students run out of money before the academic year is up, turning to their parents for financial assistance. For students currently in that situation, there are some key ways to avoid repeating the pattern next year.

**Make a values-based budget.** Some costs, such as tuition and housing, are fixed. As for variable costs, students should make sure their spending lines up with their values — and their available resources.

"There are certain things (students) absolutely need versus what they want," says Dustin Edwards, a Student Financial Support and Outreach specialist at the University of Alberta. "At the heart of that is what they value and making sure it matches how they're spending."

**Remember that things add up.** Eating out regularly might be easy at the beginning of the year, but it can mean trouble by spring.

"That slowly adds up, and then when they get to March, they say, 'oh, I don't have the money for groceries right now,'" says Edwards.

Whether it's restaurant visits, morning coffee or other variable costs, don't forget the big picture.

**Track transactions.** Edwards recommends students track all their transactions for a week or a month, to help understand their own spending habits. "This is a really good way to conceptualize where their money is going, and it's often really eye-opening," he says.

**Have a rainy day fund.** Car breaks down? Need to head home for a family situation? Such costs can be devastating if students don't have some cash tucked away. Edwards suggests regularly contributing to a "set it and forget it" bank account that isn't used except in emergencies.

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**Don't be afraid to use on-campus resources.** In addition to scholarships and bursaries, schools offer various financial services, from money-management workshops to emergency student loans. Edwards says despite there still being some stigma about utilizing such services, students shouldn't be afraid to use the resources at their disposal — and to start doing so as early as possible.

"You don't have to start looking only when you're in financial need; start early and try to be proactive," says Edwards. "The last thing we want is a student in April, when they're going through finals, to also be really stressed about finances."

## Make a difference in your career

It takes a special kind of person to work in social services, and that person is very important for providing help to those in need in Manitoba. Addictions and community services workers make a critical contribution to the community. The career path of an addictions and community services worker requires many fields of knowledge, including an understanding of ethics, interviewing techniques, youth issues, human psychology, pharmacology, relapse prevention and intervention.

Addictions and social services workers also need to understand the system. Workers should have a thorough understanding of how their clients can apply for social assistance and navigate the addictions and health-care industry.

The job isn't just rewarding in how it helps support the community — it's also an opportunity to develop incredible skills and experiences including leadership, communications, organizational skills and counselling techniques. Career paths in the field include work at drug treatment and rehabilitation centres, community services, group homes, community mental health centres, correctional facilities, and facilities for physically and developmentally handicapped individuals.

CDI College's addictions and community services worker diploma program will kick-start your career in the profession, arming you with all the skills and practical experience you'll need to jump into this rewarding career. The program includes a 300-hour community placement. For more information on CDI College's addictions and community services worker program, call 1-800-360-7186 or visit study.cdicollege.ca.

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# Visit the career fair to take the next step

Once you have completed your studies, taken all the exams, you now face the hardest challenge in your quest toward a new career — finding a job.

To help their students with the next step in their journey to meaningful employment, Robertson College will once again be hosting their annual Career Fair on March 17.

"When we open our network up to students it dramatically increases their chance of employment," says Mike Boyd, manager of Career Services at Robertson College.

"We not only coach students how to approach employers but bring the employers to them."

This free event will take place on March 17 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel — Downtown and is open to Robertson College students and graduates, as well as the general public.

"People can come to the event with their resumés in hand to network and learn about opportunities for employment," says Boyd.

Boyd says many of the hundreds of companies (over 50) Robertson College is partnered with in Manitoba have registered and will be in attendance.

"These are employers that need to fill positions and our students have great training as well as the skills that they are looking for," says Boyd.

"Attendees will have the chance to explore opportunities as well as learn more about the sector their program is related to."

Hosting events like this one is what makes the Career Services Department at Robertson College really stand out from other educational institutions.

"The reason why students come to school is that, ultimately, they want a career," says Boyd.

"We have thousands of employers in our database, regularly receive job postings from organizations to distribute to our graduates."

The Career Services Department supports students after their studies are completed

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and helps to give them the tools and support needed to find employment in their fields — from the time they become Robertson College students for the rest of their lives.

"A prime example of this is that in 2015 the department recorded 1,040 new graduate employments," says Boyd.

"We are helping individuals change their lives — Robertson College puts students first."

For more information about the career fair, visit robertsoncollege.com/events/robertson-college-winnipeg-career-fair.


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# Break the status quo with a new career

Knowing when it's time for a career change can be a scary realization, but it can also be a welcomed one.

"Often we don't realize how complacent we have become with our status quo," says Brie Timings, associate director at Wellington College.

"We exist in what we believe to be the norm without realizing that we have a personal potential just waiting to be fulfilled."

Through distance education, changing careers does not mean you have to walk away from your current job to pursue training for your new career.

For those who are considering entering into a career in massage therapy, Wellington College offers distance education training so you can work while you study.

"We understand that people need to maintain a full-time job for the income it takes to run a household. For this reason and many others, we offer the distance education program," says Timings.

"Becoming a massage therapist can help you set new challenges, goals and strategies for a life that you want to live, and you can get there in only three years without making major life changes right now."

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Wellington College is no stranger to students who are looking to change their career.

"We support all types of students, including those mature students who haven't opened a text book for 20 years," says Timings.

"We want to see our students succeed and have those supports in place, including tutoring, counseling, instructor availability, etc."

Timings says the field of massage therapy is continually growing as more and more insurance companies are recognizing the need for massage therapy in their benefits plans.

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The distance education program is spread over three years as compared to the two years of the full-time program at Wellington College.

While full-time students attend classes everyday on a weekly basis, distance education students are only required to attend the seminar weekends once a month and the online classes once per week from home.

Distance education students have the opportunity for self-directed learning, along with class time with the instructor at the College.

Both the distance education and full time programs allow students to graduate with a diploma of remedial massage therapy For more information, visit Wellington college.com.

# If you want to help children flourish

## *Educational assistant program at PACE*

Victoire Digbe CONTRIBUTED

Just as staff at PACE (University of Winnipeg's Professional, Applied and Continuing Education) supported her efforts to learning, Victoire Digbe is helping kids of every ability to flourish in school.

Digbe is working in her chosen career as an educational assistant after graduating from PACE in February 2014.

Prior to enrolling she was working as a child care assistant in a daycare, but she had her eye on something more.

Digbe's sister told her about PACE's full-time educational assistant diploma program.

Originally from Ivory Coast, Digbe initially hesitated because of her developing English skills.

With her sister's encouragement, she took courses to enhance her English, and was eventually accepted into the PACE program, which left her feeling as nervous as she was excited.

Digbe says, thanks to the support she received from PACE's staff and instructors, her nervousness quickly disappeared.

With help she gained trust in herself, became comfortable studying hard, and eventually obtained her current educational assistant position with the Winnipeg School Division.

She says she would recommend this program because it equipped her with knowledge of the many different challenges children face in school and with the skills to help them realize their full potential.

Throughout this program, students will gain both the theoretical and practical knowledge needed to become a confident and effective presence in the classroom.

The focus of the program is on the role of the educational assistant within the learning system and provides a practical understanding of exceptional children and how to help them.

Graduates of the this program will have learned studying strategies, learned the ability to incorporate individual learning styles into the classroom, be familiar with learning disability remediation, and have the ability to work with exceptional students, as well as violent or aggressive students.

This full-time program is six months in duration that includes an eight-week practicum and offers two intakes per year.

The next start dates for this program are May 30, 2016 (runs until Nov. 25, 2016) and Sept. 26, 2016 (runs until March 17, 2017).

For more information about the programs at PACE, visit pace.uwinnipegcourses.ca.

# Take your career to a managerial level

The nature of education is such that it must constantly evolve to meet ever-changing needs.

Red River College's newest program, the advanced certificate in project leadership, aims to take the already successful project management program to the next level.

"More and more credentials are being sought to recognize or benchmark people's experience and knowledge in the field, and that demand is coming from industry," says Debra Wutke, vice-president of the project management institute's (PMI) Manitoba chapter, and program manager of business and management for RRC's school of continuing education.

As Wutke explains, most people don't start out as project managers, but gradually take on project management roles over the course of their careers.

RRC's project management program can help people learn to manage projects at any stage (and in any business), but project management is only one piece of an organization's pie.

"When you get a certificate in program management, you're more at the working level," says Juanita Desouza-Huletey, manager of application services for the Workers Compensations Board, and an instructor at RRC.

***"NOW WE NEED PEOPLE WHO [CAN] STEP UP TO TAKE THAT LEADERSHIP ROLE."***

***– Juanita Desouza-Huletey, manager of application services for the Workers Compensations Board***

The College's project leadership program is designed to help those looking for the skills required by senior-level positions such as director, executive or vice-president.

Launching this spring, the project leadership program will provide an overview of methodologies for leading projects while dealing with issues that are common across all industries, such as change management and risk management.

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"Project management training and knowledge is the icing on the cake — it makes you a best choice in competition because you bring not only your expertise in the field, but [also] that suite of tools and techniques and the knowledge to be able to deliver," says Wutke.

The project leadership program is a part-time continuing education program comprised of nine courses and a practicum or capstone project (a case study that mirrors actual industry situations).

It can be completed online or in-class, and usually takes about two years to complete.

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# ADVOCATING FOR OUR STUDENTS' FUTURE

Our kids need more support, not less. If you've been watching television the past number of weeks, you've likely heard that line many times. It's the tag line of The Manitoba Teachers' Society's latest commercial that features a mother getting her child ready for school before going to work as a teacher in a hectic classroom that typifies classrooms across Manitoba.

You've also probably wondered why we are running an ad that talks about cuts to education funding in Manitoba when none of the main political parties have said they would make any cuts to the frontlines leading up to the upcoming provincial election.

The fact is that this campaign was designed after months of talking to parents and teachers across Manitoba about the state of public education and what concerns them most about their children's and their students' future.

What we heard was abundantly clear: Manitoba's classrooms are more complex than ever due to more challenges and diverse needs and both parents and teachers feel that there are inadequate resources in place to provide every child the one-on-one time necessary to succeed.

The TV ad features a real Manitoba teacher. Once the concept was determined, an invitation was extended to the entire MTS membership to audition for the lead role. Dozens of talented Manitoba teachers showed up for the casting call and, in the end, Lauren Marshall, a teacher from Lundar, Manitoba, was chosen.

Beyond the commercial, she sees the changes in Manitoba classrooms. We are richer as a society thanks to the arrival of so many new Canadians over the last number of decades, and most recently the Syrian refugees. This does, however, have an impact on classrooms.

***BOTH PARENTS AND TEACHERS FEEL THAT THERE ARE INADEQUATE RESOURCES IN PLACE.***

***– Norm Gould***

Newcomers to Canada have different needs, as do First Nations students who arrive from remote communities, as do kids with special needs and those who live in poverty and those who face the challenges of poor nutrition and disruptive home lives. And teachers are the ones with the responsibility of meeting and fulfilling those varying needs.

All these factors affect our ability to provide Manitoba's students the quality public education they deserve. Sustained funding by school boards, and ultimately the provincial government, is necessary to ensure that our teachers have the support to meet the needs of their students and that students have the support to achieve their goals.

Over the years, Manitoba has been an outlier in the realm of public education. While other provinces have made cuts to education and ignored student and teacher needs in the classroom, Manitoba has taken a collaborative approach to decision-making, taking into account the needs of not only teachers, but all people involved in public education.

This relationship between parents, teachers, school boards and the provincial government is the envy of public education stakeholders across Canada. Discordant relationships in British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec have resulted in revolving strikes and lockouts that have disrupted the school years and class time for students and teachers.

At this time, school divisions across Manitoba are drafting their annual budgets. School trustees at Manitoba's largest school division, the Winnipeg School Division, are frantically sharpening their red pencils to determine where to make cuts to make up a $5.5 million budget shortfall. These cuts will either come in the form of programs our students need like band equipment or cuts to teachers that will result, for example, in larger class sizes and a lack of support for students with special needs or those learning English as an additional language.

Neither of these 'solutions' should be considered an option, so I encourage you to contact your local school trustee to let them know that budget cuts are not going to address the expanding challenges in Manitoba's classrooms.

And in the coming weeks, if a candidate running for provincial election comes to your door, demand to know where they stand in regards to protecting public education in Manitoba.

*The Manitoba Teachers' Society represents 15,000 public education teachers across Manitoba. The Manitoba Teachers' Society is dedicated to safeguarding the welfare of teachers, the status of the teaching profession and the cause of public education in Manitoba. The priority of our members is to provide a quality public education to over 180,000 public education students.*

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Defenceman P.K. Subban will sit out at least two more games with a neck injury, Montreal Canadiens coach Michel Therrien said

# Sanchez dreaming big with Super Bowl champs

NFL

## QB will have huge shoes to fill to take over starter's spot

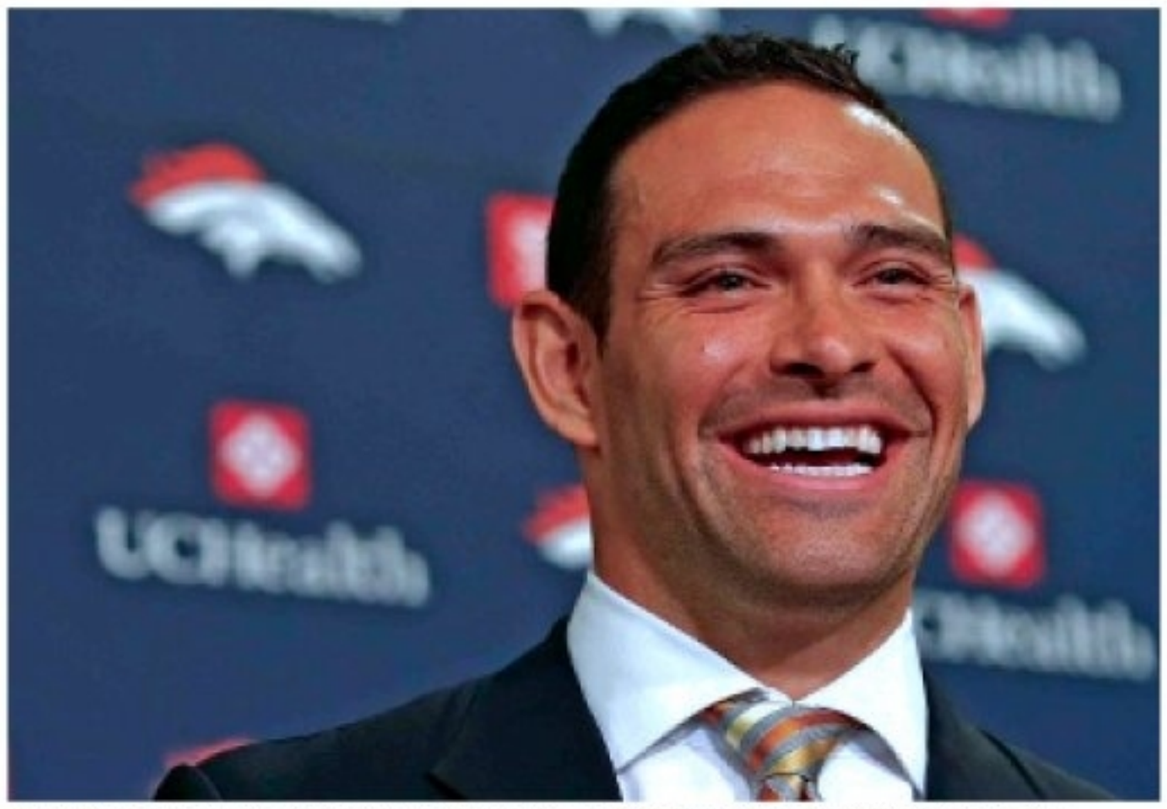
Mark Sanchez is thankful for a fresh start in Denver — emphasis on start.

Sanchez said Monday that general manager John Elway told him to come in and compete for the No. 1 job with the Broncos, "and what a reinvigorating feeling this is."

"This isn't an opportunity I'm going to squander," the 29-year-old veteran said Monday during his introductory news conference at the team's suburban headquarters.

The Broncos acquired Sanchez from the Philadelphia Eagles last week for a conditional 2017 draft pick after the Super Bowl champions lost Peyton Manning to retirement and Brock Osweiler to free agency.

Sanchez, due $4.5 million in the final year of his contract in 2016, said the trade caught him off-guard, but as it sunk in, he quickly realized how fortunate he was.



**Mark Sanchez** speaks at his introductory news conference on Monday in Englewood, Colo.
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Sanchez said he's the perfect player to follow Manning after replacing another QB icon, Brett Favre, in New York his rookie season. What he learned from that experience, he said, was that playing in the shadows of a superstar doesn't have to be suffocating.

"You don't try to be Peyton Manning," Sanchez said. "Obviously we'll let No. 18 sit on the shelf there for a while. We'll let somebody else take that number. That's just rarified air. I'm so impressed with what he's done and would love to learn as much as I can from him and the guys who have been with him. But you know you've got to be yourself and work as hard as you can, be the best version of yourself and give everything I've got to the team."

And he's eager to make his own, well, mark.

"I wasn't a part of anything last year, so I'm not hanging on any coattails that way. I'm eager to win. And I've seen a lot in this league," Sanchez said. "I'm not married. I don't have a girlfriend. I don't have kids. I just want to play ball and I want to win. I really want to win.

"And I'm so lucky to be in a spot like this. So, you know, every waking moment, that's all I'm thinking about is what an opportunity this is, that I want to win and I want to play here."

Sanchez spent his first five NFL seasons with the Jets, helping them to the AFC championship game in his first two years by winning playoff games on the road against teams led by Manning, Tom Brady, Carson Palmer and Philip Rivers. But the fifth overall pick in the 2009 NFL draft out of Southern California eventually lost his job in New York and spent the last two seasons as a backup in Philadelphia.

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> **Every waking moment, that's all I'm thinking about is what an opportunity this is.**
> New Broncos QB Mark Sanchez

### PIVOT DEPTH

The only other quarterback on the Broncos roster right now is Trevor Siemian, who took just one snap as a rookie last year, a kneel-down against Pittsburgh. John Elway will likely draft another quarterback next month and could very well add another veteran either through free agency or another trade.

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## Fencer takes on Donald

When fencer Ibtihaj Muhammad goes to the Rio Games this summer she will make history as the first U.S. Olympian to compete wearing a hijab.

But as she blazes a path on the world stage, she is worried about her security — at home. She fears it is being compromised by presidential hopeful Donald Trump, who has called for a temporary ban on Muslims entering the U.S.

"When you incite hateful speech and rhetoric like that, the people who say it never think about the repercussions and how that affects Muslims," Muhammad said in a recent Time magazine article. "Specifically Muslim women who wear their religion every single day. So then you start to think, am I going to be safe?"

The 30-year-old has qualified to compete in sabre fencing at the Olympics in August.

"I still have faith in the greater America that we will not vote someone as ignorant as Donald Trump into office," Muhammad told Time. "As a country, we are collectively more intelligent than that."

Muhammad was born in Maplewood, N.J., and grew up as the middle child of five.

Her mother, Inayah Muhammad, a schoolteacher, encouraged all her kids to be competitive, even if it meant altering every uniform.

At 13, Muhammad started fencing in high school and her mother realized there was at least one sport where her outfit wouldn't require modification.

"As a Muslim female, the sport was uniquely accommodating," Muhammad said in her USA Fencing bio. "My religion requires that my body be fully covered and fencing did just that."

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**Ibtihaj Muhammad** GETTY IMAGES

CFL

## Bruce's concussion suit tossed by judge

A judge has tossed out a lawsuit by former Canadian Football League player Arland Bruce, who claims negligence, alleging players haven't been protected from concussions.

B.C. Supreme Court Justice Christopher Hinkson says in a written ruling that the issues raised in the lawsuit are part of a collective bargaining agreement between the league and the CFL Players' Association.

Hinkson dismissed the case, saying those issues must be resolved through the grievance and arbitration process, not the courts. The defendants included the league, former commissioner Mark Cohon, neuroscientist Dr. Charles Tator and every team in the league.

Bruce played for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and several other teams in his 14 year career. He claims the defendants downplayed the effects of repetitive head trauma and misrepresented safety issues.

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### IN BRIEF

**Blues' Tarasenko named 1st star after 6-point week**

St. Louis Blues right-winger Vladimir Tarasenko, Florida Panthers centre Vincent Trocheck and New Jersey Devils goaltender Keith Kinkaid have been named the NHL's three stars of the week.

Tarasenko tied for the League lead with six points (three goals, three assists) in three games to power the Blues to a three wins and a share of first place in the Western Conference.

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GM MEETINGS

## NHL to add more cameras for playoffs

The coach's challenge is getting good reviews from NHL general managers in its first year of use, but it's not exempt from a little tweaking.

Discussion of the coach's challenge headlined the first day of the NHL general managers meetings Monday, and support was strong amongst the 30 GMs, who see the added opportunity to get a goal call right as beneficial for the game.

The initiative allows coaches to use video review to dispute goals scored on potential offside or goalie-interference plays.

"I think everybody feels fairly comfortable with it," said Maple Leafs general manager Lou Lamoriello. "The whole objective is to get it right."

Still, the NHL will make one tweak for the playoffs, adding blue-line cameras to the arenas of the 16 post-season teams. The cameras are intended to further aid clubs in determining whether to challenge a goal on account of offsides. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# RECIPE Fish Tacos with Glazed Sweet Potato

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For Metro Canada

A zesty burst of spices paired with a hit of maple roasted sweet potato make these simple fish tacos your Tuesday night dinner date.

**Ready in**
Prep time: 15 minutes
Total time: 40 minutes
**Serves 4**

**Ingredients**
- 4 to 6 mahi-mahi or halibut fillets
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp ground chili powder
- 1/2 tsp ground oregano
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 small sweet potato, diced into 1/2-inch cubes
- 2 tsp maple syrup
- Salt
- 1 tsp butter

Suggested ingredients for serving:
- Corn or whole wheat tortillas
- Coleslaw
- Salsa
- Chopped fresh cilantro
- Sour cream
- Guacamole

**Directions**

**1.** Preheat oven to 425 F and grease a large baking sheet.
**2.** Combine the cumin, chili powder, oregano, garlic powder, cinnamon and salt in a small bowl and mix with a fork to combine. Sprinkle over fish and rub spice mix evenly across the fillets.
**3.** Place on prepared sheet and bake in the oven for 12 to 15 minutes, or until fish flakes with a fork. Place mahi-mahi on a platter and pull fillets apart with a fork.
**4.** Toss sweet potato with maple syrup and sprinkle with salt.
**5.** In a skillet over medium-low heat, add the butter and sauté the sweet potato for about 10 minutes, or until tender. Set aside.
**6.** Serve fish and sweet potato alongside other fixings.

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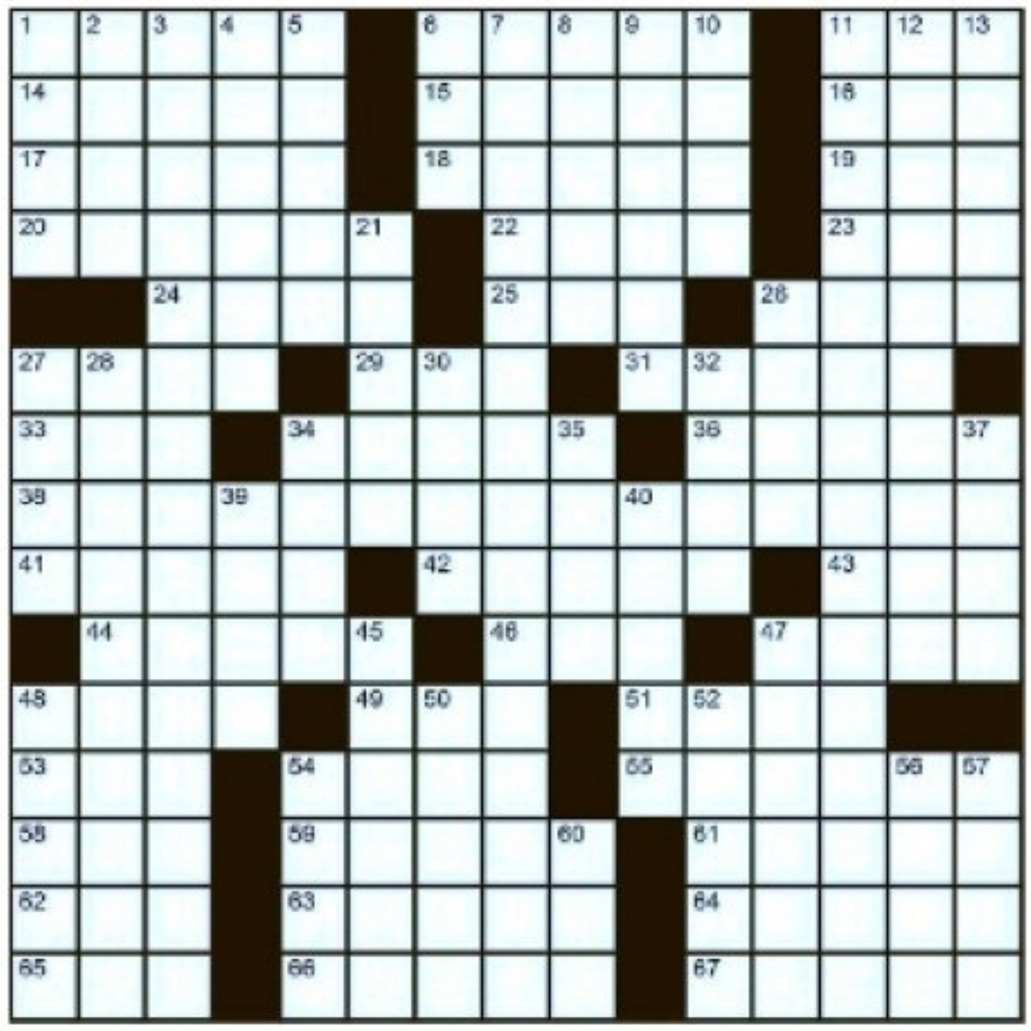
# CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



**ACROSS**
1. Massivenesses
6. Eight member group
11. "You've Got Mail." co.
14. Glass-ceiling lobbies
15. Monte _ (Gambling destination)
16. Lingerie item
17. Layovers
18. Love, in Laval
19. Comfy retreat
20. Canadian music legend Tommy
22. Bread and rice and chocolate desserts, cute-style
23. Curious
24. Reggae star Peter
25. Dined
26. Ed of "Daniel Boone"
27. Baking recipe amt.
29. Kimono sash
31. Las Vegas _
33. Pilot's 'height', briefly
34. Wise saying
36. Rile
38. Smallpox, as brought to the New World: 2 wds.
41. Vichyssoise vegetables
42. Insincere smile
43. Collagen injection site
44. Painter's stylish hat
46. Irish carrier, _ Lingus
47. Takes steps
48. Lethbridge's li'l locale
49. Female lobster
51. Broadway star Linda
53. Donnybrook
54. Mediterranean cheese
55. Lively Baroque dances in France
58. Writer of The Raven
59. Harsh
61. Prefix to 'dyne' (Toothpaste brand)
62. Mr. Sullivan's of variety TV
63. Harmony
64. Desert greenery
65. Grocery shopper's reference of needed things, briefly
66. Shrek voicer Mike
67. "_ _ Majesty's Secret Service (1969)"

**DOWN**
1. Heavenly _ (Ice cream flavour)
2. "_ _, Brute?" - Caesar
3. CN Tower's location in Toronto: 3 wds.
4. _ _ Tailors (Canadian menswear chain)
5. Mail recipient's requests of senders, for short
6. Goose, in Italy
7. Occupation of Toronto-born actress Alison Pill's character on new political drama "The Family", on CTV: 2 wds.
8. Speckled fish
9. Sidesteps
10. Crags
11. Exerciser's one-of-some on the way to a six pack: 2 wds.
12. Miner's discovery: 2 wds.
13. Brings in the airplane
21. _ Island (New England state)
26. "Rule, Britannia" composer
27. Weight unit in China
28. Aristocrats: 2 wds.
30. Lamb sounds
32. Undertaking
34. Church section
35. 'Little _' Bouvier Beale (Jackie Kennedy's cousin played by Drew Barrymore in HBO movie "Grey Gardens" in 2009)
37. Positive replies, in slang
39. Pod vegetable
40. Asymmetrical [abbr.]
45. Hypothesis
47. Sea between Greece and Turkey
48. Adrien _ (Skincare brand)
50. Chopin music piece
52. Music for Donna Summer
54. "3rd Rock _ the Sun"
56. Punta del _, Uruguay
57. Montreal 'evening'
60. Timecard abbreviations

# IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20
You need to confront something that both scares and excites you. Old fears and desires are likely to return today and you will have to fight an emotional battle you thought was over and done with. End it this time.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21
Do whatever it takes to reach your goal. No sacrifice is too great. No effort is beyond you. But while you may have the power to transform yourself don't think you can transform others — you can't.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21
Mercury, your ruler, at odds with Jupiter, means that someone powerful will try to bend you to their will today. Don't let it happen. Take a stand.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23
Others may say that something cannot be done because it is too much for them but that does not mean it is too much for you. Reach out and embrace what is new and exciting.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23
You're being pushed harder than ever before but that's good because you need to be tested. The closer you come to what you thought were your limits the more you will realize that you are capable of much more.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may want to discuss contentious topics but others are desperate to avoid them. Take the hint and don't push too hard. If you force the issue the results may not be to your liking.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Try not to twist yourself in knots over things you cannot control. What is fated to be will be, whether you worry about it or not, so put all negativity behind you once and for all.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may believe you know what's best but that does not give you the right to impose your solutions on others. Speak truth as you see it and let others make their own choices.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may not have the qualifications or the experience that your rivals possess but you do have the ability to adapt quickly. The more fixed others are in their ways the more likely it is you will win.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
While others are complaining that life is unfair you will be quietly going about your business in a state of calm and careful determination. Today's events will work in your favour.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Listen to advice today, even if it comes from people whose opinions you don't always agree with. If they say you are wasting your time on a project that is close to your heart they may be right. Don't hold on to what is no longer useful to you.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20
It is better to back down than to risk making enemies of people who have more power than you. It's not cowardly, it's common sense.

## CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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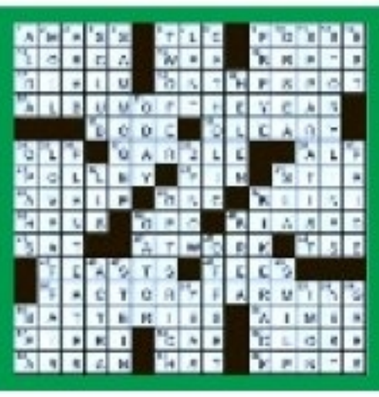

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